



Mental Health Committee Minutes:
Monday, February 1st, 2016 – 2:00pm
Milwaukee County Safety Building, Rm 607

Attendees: Thomas Reed, Patrick Roberts, Branden DuPont, Sue Eckhart, Rose Stietz, Mandy Potapenko, Sarah Watson, Paul Brodwin, Terri Ellzey, Bob Guff, Colleen Dublinski, Adam Oldenburg, Barbara Beckert, Don Scaffidi, Dennis Purtell, Justin Kuehl, Johnathan Brostoff, Christine Apple, Kristin Matson, Maureen White, Lisa Krueger

- i.) **Introductions**
 - Sign in sheet and agendas/previous minutes distributed
- ii.) **MacArthur Foundation Submission**
 - Mandy reported the MacArthur Foundation SJC Phase 2 Proposal was submitted on January 6, 2016. 20 sites have submitted proposals, 10 sites will receive Phase 2 financial support to implement proposed initiatives. The proposal focused heavily on increased community-based treatment/diversion capacity for individuals encountering law enforcement with a mental illness, as well as post-booking stabilization and improved trauma-informed criminal justice practices.
- iii.) **Data-Driven Justice Initiative/Opportunity (Mandy)**
 - As a result of being invited and attending a Data Driven Justice Workshop hosted by the White House in October, Milwaukee has been invited to participate in a federal initiative to support strategies that will help meet the needs of two key populations:
 - people held in jail before trial because they cannot afford to bond out, not because they are a risk to the community or a risk of flight; and
 - people who repeatedly cycle through multiple systems, including jails, hospital emergency rooms, shelters and other services, sometimes called “super-utilizers”, often chronically homeless individuals, with mental illness, substance abuse and health problems
 - White House officials, in partnership with jurisdictions who are strong in serving these two areas have identified a significant opportunity to scale and expand three proven innovations at the local level and use data reduce the number of people who enter or stay in jail, while improving human outcomes, increasing public safety, and generating significant cost savings. More information to follow in the future.
- iv.) **Treatment Provider Updates**
 - Armor (Dr. Maureen White and Lisa Krueger)
 - Has seen an increase individuals in the jail with a significant mental illness and/or more severe dual-diagnosis; individuals are coming in during their first psychotic break and/or often times disconnected with case management. The Mental Health Unit (MHU) of the jail has a total of 19 beds and has seen an increase in females being housed here (3 beds in MHU). Armor reported that in 2015 there were around 5,000 individuals who self-reported mental health issues during admission, and around 400 out of 960 receive some type of medication to assist with mental health symptoms (includes medication to assist with sleeping). Armor continues to gather information as to where inmate came from upon admission for increased data and tracking (ex. BHD, PCS, Winnebago, etc.).
 - Lisa Krueger announced that today is her last day with Armor and will be taking a position at Mendota. Thank you and congratulations to Lisa on her accomplishments. Armor will embark on an extensive search to replace Lisa and an interim administrator will fill her role.
 - Dr. Ronald Shansky completed what he noted to likely be his last evaluation of the jail, but noted that is only if leadership maintains strength. Lisa Krueger has been in touch with him and stated she will remain committed to supporting the work and progress that has been made thus far.
 - Behavioral Health Division (Dr. Justin Kuehl)
 - Dr. Kuehl noted there have been follow up discussions relating to the heavy utilizer pilot and metrics for BHD; those will be announced as the pilot moves forward
 - Northside Assessment Center is still set to open in 2016. There currently is an open administrator position/coordinator posted
 - DOC (Dr. Christine Apple & Sarah Watson)
 - Dr. Apple noted that 33.3% of inmates in prison are on meds. There has been an increase in challenges in connecting individuals to services once released and Community Corrections is noticing. There has also been an increased challenge

in placing sex offenders into stable housing as the residency restriction has impacted housing access for those with mental health issues.

- Sarah Watson noted she was at MSDF for a weekly meeting and they too noted that there is a significant increase in individuals being housed with mental illnesses; there has been an increased number in special needs and in observation units; Most cases are pending competency on revocation or VOP with new pending case.
- Milwaukee County has the largest participation in the statewide OARS Program (Opening Avenues to Reentry Success), which is expanding (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/oars/index.htm>)
- Within DOC, there is a mental health pilot project that is just wrapping up their 2nd year in March. There currently are 9 agents within the mental health unit. Sarah noted it would be beneficial to advise the judiciary on how the DOC mental health unit works, as sometimes there are unsuitable referrals to the mental health unit. Those spaces/referrals should be reserved for individuals with significant mental health issues.

○ WCS (Colleen Dublinski)

- Sex Offender ordinance continues to be an obstacle for placing individuals; WCS noted a decrease in referrals from prison, which is troublesome for staff and individuals returning to the community; K2 has been problematic for their client population

v.) **DHS Forensic Treatment Capacity Updates**

○ Adam Oldenburg, WCS

- There are currently 7 individuals in Milwaukee County awaiting placement; fewer than 40 individuals statewide
- The department has begun to receive forthwith orders (3 from Milwaukee County), which can displace individuals with the highest acuity and clinical treatment need.

○ Barbara Beckert shared a document with the CJC noting the Department of Administration submitted a request to the Joint Committee on Finance on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 - allocating \$15 million to fund 40 new forensic beds at Mendota

- https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/jfc/100_section_16_505_16_515_passive_review_requests/2016_02_12_health_services_institutional_operations_and_charges.pdf

vi.) **Forensic Peer Specialist Training Curriculum** (Terri Ellzey)

- Terry attended a listening session at Mendota to discuss plans for developing a training curriculum for forensic peer specialists, calling them "Re-entry Peer Specialists." Grassroots Empowerment Network is in the process of organizing a team of stakeholders to be involved in the planning process to create a curriculum to go with the 40 hour peer training already offered by the state.
- During the meeting Mandy received an email from Grassroots Empowerment Network noting they will be holding a session to discuss this in Milwaukee on Wednesday, February 17th, 2016 at WCS. Flyer to be distributed with minutes.

vii.) **Other Business/Updates**

- Barbara Beckert noted that in late December the Mental Health Board met with Correct Care Recovery Solutions to evaluate a private/public partnership for BHD, but found to have a forensic population focus; Liberty Healthcare has also been named as a possible partner; if anyone has interest in being part of the meetings, they are posted on mental health board website. Barbara also welcomed a formal recommendation from the group to the board. She also noted this committee could have a role in informing the group of current opportunities/challenges/perspectives/initiatives/etc.
- State Assembly Representative Jonathan Brostoff noted he is hosting a public hearing on February 6th regarding the current state of mental health treatment in Milwaukee. He is looking to gather legislative ideas that can be brought to Madison. Flyer distributed.

viii.) **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Monday, March 7th, 2016, SB 607

Next Meeting of the Whole: Wednesday, February 24th, 2016, 9am, Clinton Rose Senior Center